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## Department of Science.

EDITED BY DR. J. HAMER, SR.

### Matter, Force and Consequent Motion.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

Now this simple specific substance "trypsin" just described by Dr. Porter as being the ultimate product of a series of substances resulting from the breaking down of protoplasmic cells entering into the structure of the pancreas, enters as one of the substances into chemical combinations which build up again and construct the protoplasmic cells. The trypsin itself is the result of analytical action, but when it combines again with other substances it becomes one of the instruments in affecting synthetical action and thus reversing in the organism the order through which it was produced. All differentiated animal organisms in which is involved the special organ, the pancreas, there exists also a stomach and intestinal tube. When complex organic matter (the food) already in combination with secreted matter from the salivary glands similar to that of the pancreas, after it enters into the stomach is chemically acted upon by the simple specific substance in the gastric juice secreted from the protoplasm composing the glands of the stomach. After undergoing this change the food passes into the intestinal tube and after receiving the pancreatic juice and substance secreted by the liver an analytical or repulsive action takes place, and the organic matter is separated into excrementitious matter which is repelled from the organism and the aliment proper which latter substance enters into the structure of the organism. It is below the entrance of the pancreatic duct and that from the liver into the intestinal tube that the lacteal vessels take up the aliment and conduct it into the substance of the organism. From this time onward the series of changes are constructive and the action is synthetical until "the pabulum, consisting of several substances, some of them already complex and unstable, is built up into the still more complex and still more unstable protoplasm." Returning again to the consideration of the vegetable organism the evidence but tends to confirm the theory of *mesostates* as stated by Prof. Foster. "Starch may be regarded as the first *visible* product of the constructive metabolism going on in a chlorophyll corpuscle, but it is not the non-nitrogenous substance formed." In the cells of parts of plants which are not green and which are not exposed to the light there are certain small colorless protoplasmic bodies which are termed "starch forming corpuscles" or "leukoplasts," and it is by these that the starch granules are formed. We have already referred to "etioline" as a substance, that makes its appearance in one of the stages during the evolution of chlorophyll and there is reason to believe that there are preceding changes that take place during the formation of chlorophyll which are not visible. "There is no reason for assuming that the process of starch-formation in chlorophyll corpuscles is essentially different from that in leukoplasts; on the contrary, in view of the close relationship of these bodies, the one being convertible into the other, there is every reason for believing it to be the same.

(CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

### A CURIOUS COMPANION.

**WANTED.**—By a young married lady, a companion to reside with her during her husband's absence in India; a liberal salary will be given, with every home comfort, to any one suitable. Apply personally, if possible, at No. 240 Upper Berkeley street. W.

Of the legions that applied I cannot attempt a detailed description. By the afternoon I was thoroughly exhausted and had made up my mind to see no more, when, just as it was getting dusk my servant came up to the drawing-room and informed me that such a nice-looking young lady was in the dining-room; quite the nicest that had been yet.

"Ask her to come up-stairs, then, Ellis; but do not admit any one else," I replied; and the next minute the drawing-room door was thrown open by Ellis, and "Miss Burke" announced.

She was dressed in mourning, and,

even in the dim light, was, I could see, a pale-faced, rather handsome girl of about four and twenty.

Nothing could be more satisfactory than her letters of reference, and after reading them carefully by the light of the fire, I raised my eyes toward my visitor, whom I found regarding me in the most eager manner imaginable.

"They are most kind letters," I said, "and as far as references go, I am sure I could not do better. Your duties would be very light—it is really only for the sake of companionship that I require any one, as I do everything for myself, but I have been very lonely since my husband went away."

"I can imagine it," responded Miss Burke, sympathizingly. "I should do my utmost to cheer you."

"You are very kind to say so," I answered.

"Should we agree to terms, when could you come?"

"To-morrow, if you permit me," replied Miss Burke. "I am in lodgings, and the expense is so great, I should only be too glad to give them up—I am very poor," she added in a low tone.

A fortnight slipped quietly away, and in my weekly budget to my husband, I gave most charming accounts of my companion, which our every-day intercourse seemed fully to confirm. But about the third week a something I could not explain made me take a dislike to her. I had not been very well, and her kindness had been unremitting, consequently, I felt almost angry with myself for indulging in a feeling which I could not help acknowledging was both unreasonable and childish. But it gained ground in spite of myself; and one night as I was standing by the looking-glass in my bed-room, which was in the shadow, I caught sight of Miss Burke, who was leaning on the mantle-piece in the full light of the gas, which burned on either side of it, regarding me with a steady and searching glance, which I instantly observed, but had sufficient sense to take no notice of. The expression in her large black eyes haunted me for days, and caused me to say good-night to her on the landing, and, in addition to lock my door, a precaution I had never before thought of taking.

One night shortly afterward I awoke fancying I heard a movement outside my door. My room was perfectly dark, and I was convinced some noise had suddenly awakened me. I listened intently, almost too terrified to breathe, until I heard most distinctly the handle of my door cautiously turned. An almost death-like horror seized me, and for an instant I was absolutely rigid with terror; but the spell was broken by another audible effort to open the door and the hall clock striking 3, which made me spring up in bed, seize the matches, and, with trembling fingers, attempt two or three times to strike a light. At last I was successful, and the welcome blaze of the gas which I gave me courage to call out boldly, "Who is there?" But no answer came. I pealed my bell vigorously, and in a few minutes I heard steps approaching and Ellis' welcome voice asked if I were ill.

"No, Ellis, not ill," I said, "but terrified," as I unlocked the door and admitted her. "Some one tried my door not five minutes ago."

"Tried your door, ma'am? surely not!" ejaculated Ellis.

Ellis had been with me ever since my marriage, now three years, and had been well known to my husband's family all her life, consequently I felt I might trust her, so I said, "Ellis I have my own suspicions; but we must do nothing until we are sure. Meanwhile you must have a bed made up in this room, and we must watch—"

"Miss Burke?" whispered Ellis.

"Yes," I replied; "it was she who tried my door."

Tired and unnerfed, I met Miss Burke at breakfast, and we spent our morning in a very silent fashion. I wrote to my husband while she walked restlessly about the drawing-room, constantly asking me how I was, an inquiry for which I did not feel so grateful as I might have done under other circumstances. Lunch came and afterwards Miss Burke, who was usually most unwilling to go out, asked me if I could spare her for the afternoon, as she wanted to see a sick friend.

"Certainly," I replied, glad to get rid of her. About 4 o'clock I lay down on the sofa in the inner drawing-room and must have fallen asleep, for I heard no one come into the room, but I awoke with the consciousness that some one

was leaning over me with their face in close proximity to my own. I felt rather than saw them; so close were they to me that their lips seemed almost touching my own, and as I sprang up I came into violent collision with—my companion.

"Miss Burke," I exclaimed indignantly, but I could say nothing more, for, after all, the crime of leaning over me was not of a deadly nature, though coupling it, as I instantly did, with my previous suspicion, I felt not only extremely angry, but considerably alarmed.

"I was afraid you were ill, dear Mrs. Conyers. I do hope I have not displeased you," she proceeded in a deprecating tone. "I did not mean to offend you."

"It is of no consequence," I answered, rising from the sofa; "but please do not do so again. I am nervous easily startled."

The circumstance was then tacitly dismissed, and we got through the evening pretty fairly. I rather looked forward to a safe night, for I knew Ellis' bed was in readiness for her; so I said good night a little earlier than usual. Nothing happened to alarm us and next morning in a subdued and anxious voice, Miss Burke hoped I had not been disturbed and that Ellis had kept me, from feeling nervous—this last remark very reproachfully.

About 12 o'clock, when we were sitting in the drawing room, Ellis came up and told me that a gentleman wanted to see me on business, but would not give his name. "Probably about some subscription," I observed; "perhaps I had better see what he wants."

Without a suspicion of what awaited me, I went down stairs and on entering the dining room encountered a short and rather red-faced man who, bowing profoundly, asked if I was Mrs. Conyers. On my replying in the affirmative he continued: "May I ask what establishment you have?"

I must have looked astonished as he explained:

"I am a detective police officer madam and my business here will, I am afraid, be an unpleasant one."

"Indeed!" I ejaculated; "in what way?"

"From information I have received I believe you have a person under your who is wanted on a very serious charge. I must ask your permission to summon every one in the house into this room. I have taken precautions to prevent any one leaving it, and if you will kindly accede to my request I shall get over a painful duty as quickly as possible."

If my lips had been capable of utterance, the words they would have framed would have been "Miss Burke," but I said nothing. I merely rang the bell, which Ellis answered so promptly I felt certain she must have been behind the door, ready to protect me in case of an emergency.

"Summon the servants Ellis," I said; and—ask Miss Burke to come down stairs." It was almost like a dream to seeing my four domestics walk in; and then—suspecting nothing—came Miss Burke.

"Got you at last, sir!" cried the Detective, making an agile dart toward my companion.

"Not without some trouble," coolly responded his prisoner, whose courage was apparently quite equal to the occasion. In my wildest moments I had never dreamed of so desperate a denunciation, and the discovery perfectly paralyzed me with horror. It was too dreadful to realize that I had harbored a wretch of a man in woman's clothing not only in my house but in the capacity of my companion! In less time than I can describe it in the detective and his prisoner had departed. It was quietly and quickly managed, and though a detailed account of it did appear in the papers, my name was, happily for me, not allowed to transpire publicly.

The pseudo Miss Burke turned out to be a notorious young man, or I may say lad, named Browning, who, having embezzled large sums, as well as stolen a quantity of magnificent jewelry, had been unable, owing to the precautions taken to prevent his doing so, to leave London or to dispose of his stolen property. Through the agency of a female friend he had adopted his disguise, and my unlucky advertisement had suggested to him the idea of insuring his own safety, should I be credulous enough to take him upon the recommendations which I need hardly say, had emanated from his own pen. Not only had he thought of his personal security, but

that of his stolen goods, which, in the shape of diamonds and bank-notes, were found securely stowed away in the little black box which I had thought contained the worldly possessions of my poverty-stricken companion.—*New York Evening World.*

### Tennessee Mountaineers.

"I always had an idea that the stories we read about the ignorance of the people living in the mountainous regions of Tennessee were exaggerations," said a Chicago man who lately made a visit to the southeastern part of that State. "But now I know better. These reports are not only true, but the facts have not been half told. I am not easily astonished, but I confess I was astonished by what I saw in Tennessee. Why, there are lots of men down there who have grown old and raised families who can neither read nor write, and have never in their lives been far enough away from their homes to lose sight of the smoke that curled out of their chimneys. I knew there was a time when people lived in houses that had no windows in them, but I never dreamed that such a state of affairs existed in this enlightened age. Yet there are plenty of such habitations in Tennessee. And the people who live in them are quite as much representatives of civilization as their dwellings. They have no knowledge whatever of the existence of a world that extends beyond the range of their vision on a clear day. I will say, however, that with them ignorance is decidedly blissful. To possess a rifle or a shotgun and a jug of whiskey is the limit of their ambition. They know nothing of the value of money except as regards its power to purchase liquor and ammunition."

"One day a man whom I met had occasion to go from his home to the county seat. He was a man of more intelligence than most of his fellows, but he had never in his life been away from home before. He had never seen a town. The nearest approach to one he had seen was the collection of houses about the store where he sold his truck and bought his bacon. When he got back from the town I asked him what he thought of what he saw. 'Well,' said he, 'all I got to say is this: If this world is as big on the right as it is on the left she must be a regular whale.'"

"I was once riding up in the Cumberland Mountains," continued the Chicago man, "when I saw a bearded mountaineer splitting a big tree he had felled. It was a huge black walnut. I said to him: 'My friend, what are you doing?' 'I'm makin' fence-rails,' was his reply. 'Well,' I said, 'you don't mean to tell me you are making fence-rails out of that piece of timber?' 'Why, sartain. That's a good log, ain't it?' It was as fine a black walnut log as I ever saw, and if my friend had known enough to get somebody with a few oxen or mules to drag the log to the railroad he could have sold it for \$200, for it was worth more."

"But it is not only the mountaineers whose density of ignorance is astonishing I observed a case notable as showing in a striking manner why the South is so far behind the rest of the country in the matter of progress. The lumber used in Tennessee for building purposes is poplar, as the mountains are full of it and pine is scarce. Saw-mills are established in the 'coves,' and the millman cuts up logs hauled to his saws by the mountaineers. He pays a certain sum for logs, and then, figuring compensation for his work of sawing, sets a price on his product. It happened at the time I was in Tennessee, the price of lumber was \$18 per 1,000 feet. A man of my acquaintance was having a house built, and determined to have the interior finished with hard wood and red cedar, which abounded in that region. Accordingly he asked the sawmill man what he would charge for lumber of the kind wanted. My friend was greatly astonished on being told that the price would be just the same as for poplar—\$18 per 1,000. That sawmill man will probably never get rich. Had he taken his hardwood and cedar lumber to the railroad and shipped it to Chattanooga or Nashville it would there have brought him \$50 or \$60 per 1,000."

"One more yarn," added the Chicago man. "A big strapping boy came into the grocery store while I was there and offered a bag of hickory nuts for sale. He wanted a quarter for them. To afford me a little amusement the storekeeper threw down a \$5 gold piece and asked the boy if he would sell them for that. 'No, siree,' he said, 'you can't cheat me. I want a quarter.' The storekeeper afterwards told me that the boy didn't know what the gold piece was. He said the boy, like most people in that region, had no conception whatever of any amount of money exceeding a dollar. That was his limit, beyond which his fancy declined to carry him."—*Chicago Tribune.*

### Whistling Jugs.

The salvadors or musical jugs found among the burial places of Peru are most ingenious specimens of handiwork. A silvino in the William Vaux collection of Philadelphia, consists of two vases, whose bodies are joined one to the other with a hole or opening between them. The neck of one of these vases is closed with the exception of a small opening in which a clay pipe is inserted leading to the body of a whistle. When a liquid is poured into the open necked vase the air is compressed in the other and, escaping through the narrow opening, is forced into the whistle, the vibrations producing sounds.

Many of these sounds represent the notes of birds; one in the Clay collection of Philadelphia imitates the notes of the robin or some members of the thrush tribe peculiar to Peru. The closed neck of this double vase is modelled into a representation of a bird's head, which is thrush like in character. Another water vase in the same collection representing a llama, imitates the disgusting habit which this animal possesses of ejecting its saliva when enraged. The hissing sound which accompanies this action is admirably imitated. A black tube of earthenware, ornamented, with a grotesque head in low relief to which short arms are attached pressing a three-tubed syringe to its lips (Clay collection), deserves especial mention, as it suggests the evolution of this instrument from a single tube to more complicated forms.

Peruvian woven tissues, often dyed in brilliant hues, unsurpassed by the textile productions of any other ancient American people. Their jewelry of gold and silver is remarkable. Statuettes in the precious metals are even more wonderful; they represent monkeys, birds with their feathers, fish with scales, etc., modelled in relief or intaglio. Human figures were also cast in precious metals, the artists even attempted groups. Beads were made of gold, silver, glass and earthenware. Wood was used to furnish objects in daily use, and an example may be seen in the beautiful ornamented combs that are sometimes found placed beside the dead.

It is yet to be shown that the ancient Peruvians possessed a system of coinage, or of recording their ideas by a system of writing, either hieroglyphic or phonetic. It is supposed that some system of communicating ideas and recording events existed by means of quipos or strings of varying length, on which were knotted a certain number of threads. The inca was thus enabled to transmit his orders by messengers over the roads starting from the capital at Cuzco. Relays of runners were stationed all along the imperial highways at distances rarely exceeding five miles, and in this way orders were forwarded to all points in the kingdom with great rapidity.—*Swiss Cross.*

### The Montenegrins as Emigrants.

The Montenegrins are entering the field as emigrants. Whether the crop of flea powder (that is their staple article of export) has failed, or whether the fleas that cause the demand for it have diminished is not clear, but certain it is that the people of the mountain principally are inclined to leave their rocks in such numbers as to cause Prince Nicholas to fear a day when he shall no longer have a man left to govern. Perhaps the Montenegrins will be putting in an appearance in Castle Garden one of these days. They are all in favor of allowing women as large a sphere as she wants, if so be that she will only work in it. It was one of them to whom a traveler, observing the women hoeing a field with hoes but two feet in the handle, said:

"Why do you make the women work with such tools as that?"

"Because it makes the men's backs ache," answered the free born son of the Black mountain.

"But does it not make the women's backs ache, too?"

"Oh, they get used to it."

### It Never Fails.

"Is it true that long hair gives strength to a man, as we are taught to believe by reading the history of Sampson in biblical times?" one of our citizens asked Captain Jack Crawford, the leading light in the Daniel Boone company.

"Well, it may be a fact," replied the scout. "I am regarded as a very strong man, and it may be that I owe my strength to my hair."

"If I thought it would increase my strength I would never cut my hair again," the citizen remarked. "I have a great desire to become a very strong man, and I feel inclined to try the experiment."

"There is a much more speedy and a far more simple way to reach the accomplishment of your desires," Jack replied. "You can acquire great strength in a very short time, if you wish."

"How, Captain?"

"Immerse about a pound of limberger cheese in your department of the interior," the scout replied, as he dodged the citizen's cane and walked away with a cold, sad smile on his expressive face.

### Neether or Nither.

The pronunciation of the word "neither" is very generally considered to be a matter of taste. Most dictionaries give both pronunciations, but good speakers invariably give the long e sound, although the long i sound is generally supposed to have no more serious objection than being somewhat affected, and is a pronunciation often adopted by clergymen, especially Episcopalians. It is, however, incorrect, as its origin will show. It is well known that the German pronunciation of ei is long, as der Feind, the enemy, while the English rule is to pronounce the diphthong as long e as receive. The long e sound was invariably given in neither until the reign of George I, of England. Being of the House of Hanover, and speaking English indifferently, he gave the German pronunciation to the diphthong. Court parasites thought it proper to ape the King and his pronunciation spread. Few people know this origin, and hence the general mistake.

### Human Bite.

Physicians agree that the poison conveyed by human teeth is one of the most annoying that they have to deal with. One of them writes to the *Medical Register*: "I have under my attention severe and most complicated cases of blood poisoning, in which the patient had but slightly abraded the skin in the course of a fight by striking the knuckles against the teeth of his opponent. I have known hands thus poisoned only saved from amputation by the application of all the resources of science."

### The Fate of a Tombstone.

Nothing goes on in an uninterrupted career in this world, however, and even gravestones come now and then to strange uses. In a village in Maine for instance, a farmer having waxed in fortune until he was able to replace the slate gravestone in his family burial lot by marble ones, was too thrifty to throw the old slabs away. He therefore utilized them as door stones, so that all visitors to the kitchen and dairy trod upon inscriptions gradually fading away, which, with scriptural phrase and the cheerful overseeing of triangular visaged cherubs, recorded the names, virtues, and the ultimately taken off of the forefathers of the thrifty farmer.

The celebrated Lime Kiln Club, of Chicago, has proposed the most satisfactory method of disposing of the surplus that has yet been presented. The club report is as follows:

The chairman of the committee on finance expressed his readiness to report on the inquiry, "How shall we use the surplus in the Treasury?" and reported as follows:

"1. Gin every city in de kentry a million dollars to spend in fish works."

"2. Buy fo' millyon bushels of peanuts an' distribute 'em free to all."

"3. Hev hoss races an' prize-fights once a week, wid admishum free."

"4. Distribute Waterbury watches and roller skates free to all an' doan charge nobody nuffin' for lemonade."

### A True Love Match.

Prince Oscar of Sweden and his wife Ebba Munck, are passionately fond of both sailing and skating. It was upon the ice that the two first met, and most of their love-making took place flying side by side over the frozen plains, on steel runners. Of course, the laws of Sweden forbidding marriage with a subject, the king and queen opposed their son's fancy for the lady-in-waiting; finally the prince by giving up all claim to the throne, resigning his state allowance, and all royal privileges and emoluments, secured a consent to his marriage. All that is left is his barren title, which his children will not inherit; his position as admiral in the fleet, which was fairly won during his long naval service, and a small private fortune. His wife, however, has money enough for both, and they have gone to Bournemouth, England, to live.

### Diphtheria from Poultry.

In the *Bulletin Medical* of January 22, 1888, Dr. Paulin publishes an interesting report of an epidemic of diphtheria, occurring in one of the Grecian isles, which lends considerable weight to the arguments in support of this theory. The epidemic began in the summer of 1884, in Skiatos, a small island having a population of about four thousand souls. For over thirty years no case of diphtheria had been seen on the island, according to the testimony of a Dr. Bild, who had practiced there during that time. In the early part of June Dr. Paulinis was called to see a child aged twelve years suffering from sore throat, and found her tonsils and pharynx covered with false membrane. This child died, and seven other cases occurred in the immediate neighborhood, five of them terminating fatally. The epidemic soon spread through the entire community over one hundred being attacked, and thirty-six dying during five months.

An examination was made to discover, if possible, the source of the disease, and it was found that a flock of turkeys had been received some three weeks before from Salonica. Two of the turkeys were sick on their arrival, and each of the others was attacked in succession. Dr. Paulinis found two of them still sick, and inspection showed patches of pseudo-membrane on the mucous membrane of the vault of the palate and of the pharynx. On detaching strips of the exudation by the forceps the mucous membrane beneath was seen to bleed slightly. The glands of the neck were swollen, and in one of the fowls the diphtheritic process had extended to the larynx, as was shown by the hoarseness of the cry and evident dyspnoea. One of the turkeys, which had recovered from the throat affection, suffered from paralysis of the legs, being unable to walk. The garden where the turkeys were was at the northern extremity of the town, and the first children attacked were in the immediate neighborhood. There had been no immediate contact between the fowls and the children, nor between the first child attacked and the others, but there was a north wind blowing the greater part of the time, and the author believed that it was in this way that the disease was spread. He concluded from this experience, that the diphtheria of the ordinary barn fowls was similar in its course and symptoms to the disease occurring in man, and that it could be carried from the one to the other sometimes through the medium of the air.—*Medical Record.*

Some years ago Sir Donald Smith, of Montreal, gave \$120,000 for the purpose of endowing a faculty for the higher education of women. He now proposes to supplement his former gift by a quarter of a million dollars, and an institution to be called the Royal Victoria College will be established in Montreal.

The founder of the Adams Express Company, Alvin Adams, started his career as an office boy in a Boston hotel.

A prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary fighting with a guard, said he would die before he would yield. He died.

The centennial of Washington's inauguration in New York as President occurs April 29, 1889. It will be duly celebrated.

The venerable John G. Whittier, the Quaker poet, has a lingering fondness for the trade he learned as a boy, that of shoemaking.



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AND now the information is promulgated that assurance has been received by Republican party leaders from Blaine that he will not decline if nominated for the Presidency, and that he is in the hands of his friends. This information ought not to occasion much surprise to those who are acquainted with the peculiar methods of the Maine statesman and his henchmen. Only death or serious physical disability will prevent the nomination of James G. Blaine at Chicago.

THE House passed a twenty million river and harbor bill Monday, without debate. Previous discussion failed to eliminate a single objectionable feature. A few appropriations were slightly reduced, but others were increased, the total amount of money appropriated being \$25,000 greater than the original bill called for as it came from the committee. The Senate will be likely to increase rather than decrease the size of the appropriation. Statesmen usually agree in matters of this kind.

THE Republican of Rhode Island have read out of the party the Providence Journal, the leading and ablest paper of Republican tendencies in that State. That paper refused to support various measures and men of questionable reputation within the party and hence the boycott which will serve to increase the circulation of the Journal and decrease the Republican vote in Rhode Island. Such arbitrary action, political or otherwise, always strikes backward harder than forward.

THE condemnatory decree recently issued by the Pope of Rome in regard to the Irish land question furnishes a new feature to that complicated question and one that will be likely to greatly retard the progress of the cause of Irish liberty. The policy of the Pope in interfering with the political interests of his subjects is not a wise one, we think, if the unity of Catholicism is to be preserved. The faithful may get the idea into their heads by and by that the Pope is not quite infallible and that notion would serve very well as the entering wedge of heresy.

THE success of the remarkable operation of ophthalmic surgery, briefly described in our last issue, furnishes additional proof of the marked progress of scientific knowledge and its application in modern times. The knowledge of physical conditions as obtained by the proper study of the operation of nature laws is accomplishing vastly more for the substantial welfare of humanity than any other influence we can think of. Yet, here and there, it is deemed both wise and witty to ridicule the efforts of those who are engaged in studies pertaining to nature and nature's operations.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 4, 1888.—The session at the Capitol this week was the war of epithets, accusations and denunciations, between Senators Ingalls of Kansas and Voorhees of Indiana. It was on Tuesday, and two hours before the time for the Senate to meet visitors began to fill the galleries, it having been announced by the Senator from Kansas (the President pro tem of the Senate) that he would on that day leave the chair to answer a speech made by the Indiana Senator last week.

By noon, the opening hour for the Senate all available space on the floor of the Chamber and in the galleries was taken, the doorways were jammed with people and out in the corridors there was a curious mass of humanity sufficient to have filled the galleries over again, but with no hope of getting even near one of the doorways which commanded a view of the interior. Congressmen left the all important tariff debate in the House of Representatives and came over to hear the warty speeches, for every body expected to see Senator Ingalls pour vitriol upon and apply scourges to the Democratic Senators who had taken exception to his recent speech on the Dependent Pension bill.

In that speech Mr. Ingalls alluded to Gens. Hancock and McClellan as allies of the Confederacy, and for this he was attacked by Senator Voorhees last week. His reply was to Mr. Voorhees attack. Lack of space forbids me to give even an epitomized form of the remarks of either of the Senators, but the scene in the Senate was one, which, perhaps, has never been paralleled in the history of that august body. Language became personal in the extreme, and while it was not Billingsgate, it was far beyond Billingsgate's best record, and although

no blows were actually struck, everybody held his breath for awhile and thought there would be.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Ingalls took occasion to say that Justice Lamar was no lawyer, never had been and that he was appointed by a reluctant President only because he was the nearest friend of Jefferson Davis. He made quite a number of statements concerning Senator Voorhees' political record for the past twenty-five years, some of which the latter branded as campaign lies, saying he did not deign to reply to such accusations. He would simply spit upon them and trample upon them, kick them. Several times Mr. Voorhees called Mr. Ingalls a liar, a great liar, and one time a dirty dog. Representative Johnson of Indiana who was seated at a desk immediately in rear of Mr. Ingalls was alluded to in several instances as having vouched for the truth of some statement made in regard to Mr. Voorhees' past course of conduct. "He is a liar if he intimates such a thing," roared the Senator, "it never occurred, never in the world, pass my answer to the scoundrel behind you and tell him I say he is an infamous scoundrel and liar. Tell him that I say so."

At one time Senator Ingalls said passionately, "If this were a police court that citizen there, from Indiana, would be arrested and put in the docks for being drunk and disorderly."

There was intense excitement during the interchange of these compliments but finally both Senators seemed to realize that they had gone farther than they had intended. Senators Eustis and Gibson of Louisiana then replied with some spirits to Mr. Ingalls' criticism of Louisiana election methods, and fortunately the Senate adjourned without the belligerent Senators getting the floor again. It was a long time however before that end of the Capital was cleared. People hung around the corridors looking for a continuation out of doors of the hostilities so fiercely waged within.

The verdict of sober-minded people on the Tuesday's debate is that there was nothing to admire in it; that its chief characteristics were its shocking lack of dignity and its entire want of appositeness to any living question of the day, and that while such a spectacular exhibition might be pardonable on the stump, it should never have taken place on the floor of the United States Senate.

Satire and indignation were the fire-arms used, and in regard to which Senator displayed the greatest degree of skill in their management it depended altogether on the sympathies of the audience one way or the other.

The Senate has been discussing the Chinese Treaty behind closed doors.

The tariff debate proceeds in the House with only an occasional little tilt between the speakers to break the monotony.

Comment upon the nomination of Mr. Fuller of Illinois, for Chief Justice of the United States, has been favorable to the selection from every standpoint.

### EIGHT PERSONS KILLED.

AWFUL EFFECTS OF A POWDER EXPLOSION NEAR MOUNT CARMEL.

MOUNT CARMEL, May 6.—A car of Dupont powder exploded with fearful result at a point on the Philadelphia and Reading Line, between Mount Carmel and Locust Gap, about 11 o'clock last night. Eight persons were killed, thirty more or less seriously injured, and property destroyed to the value of \$75,000. Through freight No. 67, bound for Williamsport, filled up at Locust Summit, one mile east of Locust Gap, at 10 o'clock. Westwardly there is a heavy grade and the train soon acquired a speed of thirty miles per hour. At the foot of the incline there is a short flat and at this point the coupling between the third and fourth cars broke. The first section ran half a mile before the fact that the train had parted was learned by Conductor Ziegenfuss. Engineer Robert Gallagher whistled down brakes and had about brought the first section to a standstill when the second section rushed down upon it. The third car contained Dupont powder, Duralin caps, glycerine and other explosives consigned to D. W. Hold, Newberry Junction. A moment after the collision these exploded and sent death and destruction in every direction. Aided by George Gwinne, one of the brakemen, who preformed feats of valor, the other members of the family were rescued, but not before they had been seriously burned. The flames with startling rapidity, next consumed the adjoining row of eight houses. In building No. 4 resided Simon Kerwick, his wife, his son Daniel, aged 8 years; Alice, 5 years, Mary and Willie Cavanaugh, adopted children, aged 8 and 14 years, and a newly-born babe. Mr. Kerwick grasped his sick wife and narrowly escaped from the burning building. This morning the charred remains of the five children were gathered from the ruins to await the inspection of the Coroner. Terrible was the sight when the broken-hearted father gazed upon what was left of his once happy family. Almost miraculously the inmates of the adjoining buildings were rescued. Brave men rushed into the flames and performed deeds which won the praise of the thousands who beheld the ruins to-day. The Mount Carmel physicians hastened to the scene of the accident and rendered assistance wherever needed to the cut and bruised. So severe was the force of the explosion that

every window in Locust Gap was reduced to pieces and the plastering was shaken from the walls. The Catholic Church windows were also destroyed. The car which contained the powder, and a dozen others, were blown to atoms. In all seventeen dwellings were destroyed by fire and flying fragments of the cars. The families rendered homeless have been provided for by the Locust Gap and Mount Carmel citizens. Wrecking crews have again put the road in a condition for travel.

### Holocaust in Nebraska.

ARLINGTON, May 4.—This morning a fire was seen on the farm of the widow Freeze, one mile out. A posse of citizens went out and were horrified at finding the charred remains of seven human beings, only identified by their statures, as follows: Mrs. Freeze, Fred. Gratchuschen, his wife and three children, and Fred's brother Louis. A daughter, who is away visiting, is the only survivor of the family, but it is reported that the hired man cannot be found. The wife was found under a horse. The Coroner has been called.

### The Wonderful Operation a Success

The success of the great operation performed last Sunday a week at the Germantown Hospital by Dr. L. Webster Fox, of Philadelphia, by transplanting the cornea of a rabbit's eye to the eye of Mrs. Annie Schick, is now undeniably established. Last Saturday Mrs. Schick had so far recovered as to warrant her leaving the hospital and returning to her home at 174 North Fourth street. Dr. Fox made an examination of the eye Sunday and pronounced it in a splendid condition. The return of Mrs. Schick's vision is an assured fact. She will be attended at her home by Dr. Fox, who will personally superintend the removal and application of the bandages. Dr. E.O. Shakespeare, ophthalmic surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital, said, when speaking of the operation: "It is a great thing for science. If at first only two or three operations should prove successful, with improved methods and greater experience this will prove a wonderful benefit to the poor blind. I find a great number of these people who are in the hospitals and institutions suffering from just such complaints as that of Dr. Fox's patient, and in the event of Dr. Fox's operation proving successful beyond a doubt, it may be said that a fair percentage of these people will recover their sight and thereby be enabled to make their own living." Professor Wagener, assistant in the University eye clinic at Goettingen, Germany, in a recent medical publication, discusses at great length the methods of Von Hippel's operation, which is identical with that of Dr. Fox, and predicts great results from this method.

### Short and Interesting.

Parisian Dame. "Are you all ready for Sunday school?"

Parisian Child. "Yes, mamma." "Well, now, be careful not to make any mistakes. If you are asked who created the earth and made the sun, moon and stars, don't say Boulanger."

There was a great wolf hunt held in Berea, Wis., some days ago. Three hundred and thirty-nine inhabitants of the town turned out to kill the wolf, and after two days' hunting succeeded in capturing that ferocious beast. When killed it weighed twenty-three pounds and the Coroner's inquest over the remains brought in a verdict of "death from fright."

Joseph Tucker, of Marion, Ohio, owns a Jersey cow with a very remarkable appetite. The animal eats every cat that comes within its reach. This spring she has eaten five cats, and when ever a feline comes within her range of vision she is wild until she catches and eats it. In all other respects the cow appears to be normal in her tastes and disposition. She is three years old and has had this peculiarity ever since she was a calf.

Who says that time does not even up many old scores? Four years ago Melville W. Fuller, of Chicago was a candidate for a position on the Chicago delegation to the convention which nominated Mr. Cleveland. He was defeated by a professional ballot-box stuffer named Mackin. Now Mackin is in the penitentiary and Fuller has been nominated Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Be honest, young man, be honest.

### SPECIAL LOT

—OF—  
**DRESS GOODS!**  
We open to-day an elegant line of New Dress Goods. The most desirable styles we have ever shown, some of which came from a large sale in New York and are very much under the regular prices.

THESE GOODS ARE  
OF THE FINEST QUALITIES!  
MEDIUM AND LOW PRICED.

One lot of Small and Medium Checks—a real bargain at 14c. per yard, never sold under 20c.

One lot Cloths—choice styles; price 40c., have been 50c.

One lot of the finest quality Small Checks, all wool, 1½ yds. wide, at \$1.00 per yard; have been sold in Philadelphia this season at \$1.50 per yard.

**MORGAN WRIGHT,**

KEYSTONE STORE,

April 12, '88. NORRISTOWN, PA.



## SPRING TALK

### RAHN STATION!

C. J. BUCKLEY calls the attention of the public to his stock of SPRING GOODS:

Every department of the store well stocked. Goods arriving daily; prices lower than elsewhere.

**BOOT AND SHOE DEPARTMENT.**

Gum Boots, best makes, Cander, Woonsocket, and Celebrated Duck, \$2.50 per pair.  
Men's Gum Shoes, best make, 50c. per pair.  
Boys' " " " 40c. " "  
Ladies' " " " 35c. " "  
Children's " " " 30c. " "

Men's French Calf Shoes, in Button, Lace or Congress, \$2.50 per pair, sold elsewhere at \$3.  
Men's Medium Weight Calf Shoes, from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per pair.  
Men's Every-day Plow Shoes, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per pair.

The above grades are all first-class and bargains at the price. We bought them direct from our manufacturers, and can save you the middle man's profit.

**LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES.**

Ladies' Peb. Button, Solid, \$1.25, worth \$1.75.  
Ladies' Kid, Hand-worked Button Holes, \$2.00, worth \$2.50.  
Misses' Morocco, Hand-worked Button Holes, \$1.45, worth \$2.00.  
Children's Solar Tip Shoes, in all sizes, Spring Heel and Common Heel, 25 cent. less than regular price.

Infant Shoes, 40c., worth 50c.  
Better ones, 70c., worth \$1.00.

**DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.**—This department is filled with seasonal things: Ladies' Suits, Capes, Seersuckers, Dress Gowns, Hosiery, Ribbons, and Plaids, Ladies' Kid Gloves, Silk Gloves, Lisle Thread Gloves, Muslins, Sheetings, Bleached and Unbleached, at wholesale prices.

Have you visited our Queensware, Glassware and Tinware Department?—Second floor, rooms No. 1 and 2. Our Hardware and Grocery Department is well stocked with everything you want. Men's Spring Hats, latest styles and shapes. We have a large invoice of seed potatoes coming direct from Prince Edward Island, which we will sell by the barrel or bushel. Seeds of all kinds, in bulk or packages. Liverpool Salt by the car load; Coarse and Fine Cement, Cane Plaster, Sand, Paints, Oil, Putty, Glass (any size cut to order), Rins, Shells, Spokes, &c., &c.

C. J. BUCKLEY,  
P. O. Ironbridge. Rahn Station, Pa.

### LEOPOLD'S New Goods!

Some of the colors of our new dress goods are: goblin blue, steel blue, gendarme blue, navy blue, lily blue, terracotta, mahogany, wavy brown, claret, steel, stone, slate, gray, moss green, sage green, olive green, Nile green, cardinal, garnet and many mixtures, checks and stripes in such a happy combination of shades that it is impossible to describe the effect. Some of the new materials are: Henrietta finish, cashmere fine all wool, French, at 50c. and 62½ cents. Fine Henriettas in many shades at 75 cents; very fine Henriettas worth \$1.35 for \$1.00. Finest French Almas, imported, sold by some houses at \$1.50, for \$1.25. These are the finest all wool colored dress goods sold in Pottstown.

Serges 50 cents to 87½ cents.

Fine and fashionable Cashmeres 95 cents to \$1.00.

Sebastapools, Bieges, Armoires, Taffetas, Broad Cloths, and a hundred other things difficult to name.

Tricots, fully 1 yard wide, at 75 cents, and a regular 50 cent quality at 37½ cents, and the 62½ cent grade at 50 cents. Many new choice shades.

New French Satens, choice styles, same goods as are retailed in the leading Philadelphia stores at 37½ cents, we sell at 35 cents; and a fine quality in cloth patterns at 25 cents.

All the regular 15 cent satines 12½ cents in the newest French styles.

We show the largest variety of Fine Black Dress Goods in town. We keep the best make of Black Cashmeres and Henriettas in the world, bought direct from the large importers.

We can show you the finest quality of All Wool Henrietta ever imported. It is over 1½ yards wide, counts 104 twills to the inch and is but \$1.75 per yard. Our \$1.00 Black Henriettas sell rapidly. Our new Black Silks are all warranted not to cut or break, from \$1.00 up to \$2.00.

Special bargains in Silks of many kinds, including Rhadamers, Rha zamers, Surahs, Armoires, Fines and Merisettes.

We have a new line of Black Silks. 40 inch lace flouncings for dresses, in Spanish Guipure and Chantilly at \$1.65, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.75, and \$4.00.

New Jet Trimmings at 50 cents to \$6.00 per yard.

New Gimp Trimmings in Worsted, Silk and Tulle.

New Jersey Coats, New Corkscrew Coats, New Wraps, New Coat Cloths, New Cassimeres, Covered Buttons made to order.

The best sewing machine yet made is the Standard. It has a rotary shuttle, it sews 1500 stitches while others sew 1000, and is much quieter doing it. We guarantee to attach 100 yards in the Standard in less time than any other machine with the old style shuttle will stitch 75 yards. Two Standards each running at the rate of 1500 stitches per minute, make less noise than one old style machine making but 750 stitches per minute. The Standard shuttle revolves on its own centre, and is wheel shaped, other machines have shuttles which must start and stop twice to make every stitch, causing great friction noise and shaking. The Standard Sewing Machine is far ahead of other lock-stitch machines as the circular saw is ahead of the gig saw. The Standard we truly believe will be better at the end of ten years' usage than most other machines at the end of 5 years. Don't think of buying an old machine until you have seen this greatest invention in the sewing machine line.

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POTTSTOWN, PA.

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**HIGH GRADE**

**ROLLER FLOUR!**

**MILL FEED ALWAYS ON HAND.**

**FORTY POUNDS OF FLOUR**  
Exchanged for a Bushel of Good Wheat.

Highest Cash Prices paid for the various grains.

**Wheat Wanted at all Times**

Cash will be invariably expected when flour, feed, &c., is delivered.

Favor us with your orders.

**JAMES L. PAIST, Collegeville, Pa.**

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**FRANK REES.**

## COLLEGEVILLE FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS.

The undersigned is now ready to serve the public, and kindly invites everybody, old and young, to call and inspect the complete stock of FURNITURE and HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS in stock. A recital of the varieties and grades of goods and prices would be tedious. "Seeing is believing," and a visit to our Ware-rooms will give you the evidence required before making your purchases.

**BEDROOM SUITES** in Walnut, Ash, and Oak, and all the cheaper grades. Bedsteads from \$2.50, up.

**PARLOR FURNITURE**, all styles and grades, including Plush and Hair Cloth.

Mattresses, Pillows and Bolsters, Window Shades and Fixtures.

Remember, everything in stock from the minor to more important articles of Furniture and Housefurnishing Goods. You can't go wrong, no matter what you want, by giving us a call.

Picture and Looking Glass Frames of every description. Reframing Pictures, Glasses, &c., one of our specialties.

A long experience as a wood worker enables us to know just what we buy and just what we sell. You will get just what you buy, and the full worth of your money.

All kinds of Repairing and Upholstering done promptly at the Lowest Possible Figures. Upon notice furniture to be repaired will be taken to my workshop and returned free of charge, or the repairs, if desired, will be made at the residence of the customer.

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**HOUSEKEEPERS!**

As well as to Old Housekeepers desiring to Replenish with

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Having laid in a good stock of General Housefurnishing Goods, we can show you a

**Nice - Line - of - Furniture**

Such as Walnut, Ash and Painted Suits, Parlor Suits, Lounges, cheap; Walnut, Ash and Painted Sideboards; Common and Piece Top Mirrors; Walnut and Ash Extension Tables, Cane and Wood-seat Chairs, cheaper than ever; Bureaus, Centre Tables, Rockers, Cotton and Woven Wire Mattresses, with latest improvements.

**JUST RECEIVED A NEW LOT OF**

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Such as Sheetings, Muslins, Table Linens, Blankets, Cassimeres, Towelings, &c. Also constantly on hand a nice line of

**Choice Groceries, Hats, Caps,**

Carpets, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Clocks, Hardware, &c.

Thanking our many patrons for past favors and soliciting your future orders, I remain respectfully yours,

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A full supply of Coal of all sizes constantly on hand, from the best mines in the Schuylkill Region.

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**Corn, Oats, Chop Corn, Cob Meal,**

Cracked Corn, Middlings, Screenings, Bran, Cotton Seed Meal, Barley Sprouts, and everything usually kept in a flour and feed store. Also

**Clover and Timothy Seed,**

Seed Corn, Seed Oats, Lime, &c.

Agent for Williams and Clark's Phosphates.

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Ask the readers of this valuable paper this simple question: Is it not common sense to patronize Home Trade? Everybody says Yes!

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**STORE AT PROVIDENCE SQUARE?**

If you want a SUIT OF CLOTHING, of any style, size and price, you can select from a large assortment, and I can show you as fine and varied stock of samples as you ever saw from one of the largest Cloth Houses in New York. Satisfaction guaranteed. And what more can you ask?

**Great Variety of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods!**

Shoes to suit everybody. Hats to please gentlemen, and boys, too. The best GROCERIES. Queensware must be seen to be appreciated. A full line of the best English ware direct from England. 98 Pieces—fine selection of new shapes—for \$9.95.

If you want a pump you can get it manufactured by the Goshen Pump Co., Indiana.

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**THE SNAG - PROOF BOOT!**

Which is far superior to regular gum boots. This boot is made with a centre of cotton duck with coatings of rubber, so incorporated into the fibre of the duck, by heavy machinery, as to make a water-proof material that stands the severest test of wear, and renders it next to impossible for them to crack, or to be cut or torn from contact with rough or sharp surfaces. Also a large stock of

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Every pair warranted to give entire satisfaction. An elegant assortment of

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**A decided bargain in Bed Blankets:**

All-wool Blankets for \$4.00; a heavy Colored 1½ Blanket, only \$2.60. HORSE BLANKETS from 80c. up. Latest styles of Men's and Boys' STIFF HATS. You should see our Men's FUR CAPS, only \$1.50; they are beautiful. Ladies' Gossamers, only 75c. Ladies' Knit Hoods, direct from factory, only 75c. Sellersville Knit Jacket for Men, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

**Groceries are all Choice and Well Selected!**

Fine flavor all-sugar Syrup, 50c. gallon; New Orleans Molasses, 70c. gallon; full cream Cheese, 16c. per pound; Rolled Oats, 5 pounds for 25c.; splendid Rio Coffee, 25c. per pound. Elegant Chinaware and Glassware given away with Best Mixed Tea, 15c. quarter pound. Beautiful Glassware actually worth price of Baking Powder goes with one pound, 80c. Valencia Raisins, 10c. Seedless Raisins, Citron and Currants.

Sole agent for John Lucas' and Felton Run and Libby's ready-mixed PAINTS. Quality guaranteed.

Full line of Hardware, Drugs, Glass, Oils, Varnishes, Cement, Plaster Paris, and in fact everything that is kept in a first-class country store.

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## Providence Independent.

Thursday, May 10, 1888.

TERMS:—\$1.25 PER YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

This paper has a larger circulation in this section of the county than any other paper published. As an advertising medium the "Independent" ranks among the most desirable papers, having a large and steadily increasing circulation in various localities throughout the county.

It is the aim of the editor and publisher to make the "Independent" one of the best local and general newspapers in the county, or anywhere else, and to this end we invite correspondence from every section.

### PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.

We publish the following schedule gratuitously for the convenience of our readers.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.

Milk.....6.47 a. m.  
Accommodation.....8.03 a. m.  
Market.....1.23 p. m.  
Accommodation.....7.12 p. m.

FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.

Mail.....6.47 a. m.  
Accommodation.....8.03 a. m.  
Market.....1.23 p. m.  
Accommodation.....7.12 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.

Milk.....6.56 a. m.  
Accommodation.....8.46 p. m.

NORTH.

Accommodation.....9.31 a. m.  
Milk.....5.41 p. m.

### Home Flashes and Stray Sparks From Abroad.

—Beautiful spring time!

—The ground hog sees his shadow almost every day—if he is on the look-out for it.

—How pleasant are those botanizing trips! Presumably they are also profitable.

—Will the young men of the lower ward organize a base ball club?

—Blacksmith Harry Moore, who lives on the Jersey side of the big bridge, has purchased a very promising young horse of D. H. Casselberry.

—By the way, there is going to be a trial of speed one of these days between D. K. I. and Little Nell. On this side they say D. K. I. will win. Over in Jersey they say Nell will win. We'll see.

—The annual meeting of the Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike Company will be held at the Shuler House, Pottstown, on Monday, June 4.

—D. F. Campbell, the efficient and jovial trimmer at Baldwin's Carriage Works, spent Sunday in Baltimore, visiting his friends in that city.

—I. T. Miller is on hand at his Limerick stables with another lot of superior Indiana horses. Go and see them.

—There was a genuine old-fashioned carpet rag party at Doc Culbert's Tuesday afternoon. The affair was under the guidance of Mrs. Culbert, who treated her helpers to a banquet after the battle was over. Somebody will be curious enough to ask if there was any talking done. Mrs. J. P. David was elected champion sewer by a large majority.

—Joseph Stone, the carpet weaver, exhibited the other evening a flower he had plucked from his cactus plant that measured seven inches in diameter.

—D. W. Buckwalter, the marble dealer of Royersford, is doing a brisk business in tombstones, monuments, &c. See his styles and learn his prices before going elsewhere.

—Bro. Bardman, of the Schwenksville Item, tells his readers in his last issue that he has purchased a new and improved Campbell Printing Press, and that the same will be put in working order in a week or two. Bro. Bardman will never regret that purchase.

—W. H. Shepp, a theological student of Ursinus occupied the pulpit in Trinity church, this place, Sunday evening.

—Dr. E. A. Krusen has been elected an honorary member of the Zwinglian Literary Society of Ursinus College.

—F. H. Koons, of Philadelphia, is in town visiting his mother, other relatives, and friends. The boys are always glad to see Fred.

—A valuable horse belonging to L. B. Wismer, slater of this place, died Tuesday night of a complication of diseases. Mr. Wismer purchased the animal only a short time ago.

—Michael Nelson, a Lower Merion contractor, turns the scales with his avoirdupois at 400 pounds.

—Montgomery is to have another township which is to be made by cutting Moreland in twain.

—F. B. Rushong, store merchant of the upper ward Trappe, brought to this office the other morning a hen's egg that measured 6½ by 8 inches. It will keep the hens busy to beat that.

—Captain H. H. Fetterolf, of this place, a member of Geo. B. McClellan Post, No. 515, of Schwenksville, visited Zook Post No. 11, of Norristown, Monday evening to perform his duties as assistant inspector. The Captain expresses himself as having been highly pleased with the manner in which the Comrades of Zook Post did their work.

—Simon Cartun & Co., of Philadelphia, opened last week a dry goods, notions, clothing, hosiery and fancy goods store in the room formerly occupied by the post-office, this place. Simon intends to carry a full stock and sell cheap. See adv.

—Read advertisement of store-rooms for rent by S. B. Latshaw, Royersford. The advantages offered to business men by Mr. Latshaw's new building are first-class.

—A lot of crockery ware, good styles, the cheapest ever bought, has been received at Kulp's emporium, Grater's Ford. See the stock and be convinced.

—Rev. S. C. Gracey of Spring City will preach in Ironbridge Chapel next Sunday evening, May 13, at 7:30.

### Public Documents.

We are indebted to H. W. Kratz, Esq., Trappe, who is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, for a copy of the report of Agriculture of Pennsylvania for 1887, and a copy of the report of the Pennsylvania State College for 1886.

### Her Left Arm Injured.

Last Thursday Mrs. Augustus Kalb, of Ironbridge, met with an accident which resulted in a painful injury to her left arm near the wrist, and to internal injuries of a more or less serious nature. The lady was standing on a chair for the purpose of adjusting sections of stove pipe, and, losing her balance, fell to the floor.

### Other Crimes.

A few days ago Police Rodenbough recovered in a Philadelphia pawn shop an open-face gold watch which, together with two bracelets and a number of pictures horse thief Samuel T. Young stole from his uncle in Lower Providence township. The bracelets were not recovered. If Young ever confesses to all the acts of crime he has committed the chapter will be a long one.

### Freight to be Increased.

It is rumored that the freight traffic of the Perkiomen railroad is to be increased by reason of shipments of Lehigh coal to Philadelphia by the Pennsylvania R. Co., which is now directed over the Belvidere and Delaware, New York R. R. divisions. It is also stated that the passenger traffic is to be increased, but by what means we are not informed, unless it will be brought about by the erection of a new depot at this place, to succeed the present aggregation of dilapidation.

### Minus Part of a Finger.

Fanny, a seven-year-old daughter of Dr. J. H. Hamer, Jr., of Philadelphia, and grandchild of Dr. Hamer, Sr., this place, with whom she is living, met with an accident under rather peculiar circumstances last Saturday. In company with her sister and one or two other little girls, she visited the ice house in quest of a piece of ice. Ida Boyer handled a crowbar as a pry as best she could, and little Fanny placed her right hand just where ice and ice only should have been, and as a consequence her second finger was cut and crushed off between the nail and the first joint.

### Second Anniversary.

The celebration of the second anniversary of Ironbridge Castle, No. 104, K. G. E., on Hunsicker's Island, Saturday, June 16, promises to be a very lively and interesting affair. There will be tub and wheelbarrow races, rifle shooting, quoit pitching, model yacht races, and so on, from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. In the evening a strawberry festival and musical entertainment will be given in Eagle hall. Musical talent from Philadelphia will be present. Admission, 15 cents, including refreshments. The 16th of June does not prove to be a bright red letter day in the history of Ironbridge, we shall want to know the reason why.

### Sixth Commencement.

At the sixth annual commencement of the public schools of Lower Providence, to be held in the Presbyterian church this (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock, four graduates will close their careers as pupils of said schools. The program arranged for the occasion is as follows: Prayer, Rev. H. S. Rodenbough; Music; Salutatory, Miss Katie T. Boyer; Music; Recitation, Miss Mary K. Kratz; Valedictory, Miss Eulalie Cassel; Music; Address by Rev. T. J. Siegfried, Superintendent R. F. Hoffecker and Prof. A. T. Smith; Music; Presentation of Diplomas, Dr. M. Y. Weber; Benediction.

### What a Sneak Thief Did.

While C. G. Krause a farmer, living near Fagleyville, this county, and his family were at breakfast between 5 and 6 o'clock Thursday morning, a thief entered the cellar by way of an open outside cellar door, and making his way to Mr. Krause's bedroom on the second floor, tore open his desk and after hunting through all the drawers, and overhauling the papers in the secretary, finally departed with \$16 in silver, which he took from a small tin box. Mr. Krause has not the slightest idea who the guilty party is. The thief dropped a silver watch, belonging to Horace Krause, on the stairway, as he fled.

### Repairing a Bridge.

Contracter W. H. Smith, of Frederick township, is at present engaged in repairing the county bridge, at Ironbridge in Perkiomen township. It has sunk about a foot, and the whole structure was rapidly approaching a complete collapse. Mr. Smith employs a large gang of men, and will raise the bridge and set it on Conschocken stone. This bridge was built in 1873 is 644 feet in length with the abutments and rests on piers, and its cost was the extravagant sum (considering the work) of \$40,000. It was an illy constructed structure in the first place and has since required frequent repairs. An expensive bridge, that.

### P. V. M. Fire and Storm Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company was held at Perkiomen Bridge hotel last Monday. The Board of Managers convened at 10 o'clock and remained in session until noon when a big dinner was served. For some reason, not satisfactorily stated, Treasurer Rudy failed in disposing of a whole mince pie as he is wont to do. Manager Boorse, of Kulpville, neglected to properly trim his heavy beard and flowing mustache, so that he had difficulty in finishing the courses on time. Secretary Kratz, accustomed to banquets, went through the ordeal smilingly, and ex-City Treasurer Cole wouldn't have objected if the period had been prolonged. Manager Longacre was inclined to get into a hurry, and Manager Saylor saw no necessity for a rush. Manager Johnson took things as gravely as a Presbyterian clergyman. Esquire Fetterolf, who subsequently acted as one of the judges of the election, was one of the guests of the managers and went through the program without skip or break. After dinner the Secretary presented a financial statement of the year 1887 to the assembled members of the company, and from it the following figures have been taken: From assessments made August 4, and balance from previous assessments, \$7336.24; from premiums and membership fees, \$282.54, making the aggregate receipts of the year \$7618.78; losses and other expenditures \$6416.53; balance in treasury December 31, 1887, \$1202.25; amount of outstanding tax December 31, 1887, \$866.41; amount of insurance December 1887, \$6,722.31; amount ditto April 30, 1887, \$7,334.41. The Secretary's report was adopted as read, and the election of Managers followed, and the following gentlemen were elected: Geo. W. Steiner, H. W. Kratz, D. H. Rudy, John H. Longacre, D. M. Casselberry, John C. Boorse, Isaac H. Johnson, Abraham Longacre, Henry A. Cole, John D. Saylor, John S. Rahn, Henry Gable, Samuel E. Nye. The managers elected reorganized by electing Geo. W. Steiner president; H. W. Kratz, secretary, and D. H. Rudy treasurer. The next meeting of the managers will be held at Gross' hotel, this place, August 10.

### FROM GRATER'S FORD.

There is still some prospect for the erection of a creamery at this place. Mr. Moyer, who intended building the same, took sick and died. Since then it has been a question whether the creamery would be erected at all or not. At last accounts Enos Moyer, a brother of the deceased, intends erecting the same at an early date.

The erection of the new hay house is still in progress, the mason work being completed.

Abraham Tyson has improved the appearance of his large barn by giving it a coat of paint. Jacob W. Markley also beautified his stable by giving it a new coat of paint. They both look well.

Dr. C. W. Everhart is very busy at present.

H. D. Alderfer, opened the ice cream season last week. He makes a good article in that line and will have a supply for Ascension day. Give it a trial.

Abram Tyson sold a small tract of land to Isaiah H. Detwiler on private terms.

The people of this place are still anxiously looking forward to the time when they shall have an express office here. We need it badly.

The Sunday school at this place is very well attended thus far this season. It is still increasing in numbers, and a good interest manifested. xx.

### A Horse Drowned.

Tuesday morning Jas. A. Vandervice, cartster, lost a horse in the canal at Mont Clare, by drowning. Mr. Vandervice is quarrying stone on the Perkiomen creek, which he conveys to Mont Clare on a scow, and thence hauls them to where needed. Charles Edleman, the driver of one of the carts started with a load to get from the toe-path to the Schuylkill bridge, when for some unaccountable reason the horse with its load backed into the canal, and notwithstanding the efforts of the driver and Mr. Vandervice and others close at hand it was drowned.—Phonixville Messenger.

### Locust Posts.

Locust posts are not quite everlasting, but of all terrestrial timber growths locust posts will live two to one posts of any other wood. If you have any proof to the contrary let's have it. If Noah had built his ark of locust wood, it might yet serve as a big trading sloop. P. P. Dewees, who now owns the old Dewees farm, Trappe, will ship about 500 locust posts down from the mountains in a month or two, and if you want a part of that number keep your weather eye open. If we are not mistaken Gristlock & Vandervice still have some locust posts on hand.

Wide Awake for May is as bright and sunny as a May morning. The beautiful frontispiece (after Steffek's famous painting) shows the late Emperor or William and his brother when boys, in company with their famous mother, Queen Louise. A brief article about the Emperor, with a portrait from his last life photograph is timely.

"President Madison's Families," with its beautiful portraits of Dolly Madison and other members of the family, is very chatty and entertaining. These glimpses into the home life of the children of our Presidents appeal forcibly to every American boy and girl. News-dealers have this issue for 20 cents, or it will be mailed by the publishers, D. Lothrop Company, Boston. A sample back number of any of the Lothrop magazine costs but 5 cents, or of the four for 15 cents.

### College Notes.

The final arrangements for the mock Political Convention to be held in Ursinus College chapel on Friday evening next are completed. The convention promises to be interesting for all who may attend.

The Juniors will hold their annual Exhibition on Monday of commencement week. Their programme shows that they made a wise selection of performers, so that the different parts will be well represented.

The theological examination is rapidly hastening on. Only a few more weeks until the class will leave, some to be examined by classis for licensure and others for their annual summer vacation.

Mr. Irwin Wagner of Tamaqua has been away from College for several days attending the wedding of his sister.

Jas. Peters, a theolog. has purchased a horse and carriage and may now be seen making daily excursions in the country by carriage and on horseback. He says it improves his appetite. He makes some of the "boys" happy by giving them rides.

The Sophomores have taken up that very pleasant and agreeable study, botany, again. They are taking Gray's advice and roam over fields and through woods in search of rare specimens of plants and flowers. Some of the members have become so enthusiastic that they regard themselves able to teach the students in the Academic Department. The plants in the immediate vicinity of the College are so unimportant to the young botanists that they must take them to quite a different locality by railroad. Judging from the smiling faces on their return the parties have an instructive and enjoyable time.

The boys have again organized a strong Base Ball nine. SMADA.

### Death of John Longstreth.

John Longstreth, one of the oldest citizens of Trappe, died at the residence of his son-in-law I. P. Rhoades, Wednesday evening of last week, in his 78th year. Deceased was born in Charlestown township, Chester county, learned the trade of blacksmithing with Joseph Hennicks, Trappe, and in 1855 was married to Catharine Kline. He soon after removed to Chester county, where he conducted the business of blacksmithing several years. About 1840 he purchased his father-in-law's farm, in Trappe, now tenanted by his son Samuel, and for more than forty years conducted the same with marked success. He was the father of eight children, six sons and two daughters, three of whom survive him: Mrs. I. P. Rhoades; Isaac, of Philadelphia, and Samuel, of Trappe. Ernest and Mayne R. Longstreth, of this place, are grandsons of the deceased, the sons of Henry Longstreth, who died about fifteen years ago. Deceased was a widower for many years. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. H. Hendricks conducted the religious exercises and Undertaker Shuler and Mrs. Samuel Pugh had charge of the remains. The funeral services were held in Trinity church, this place, interment in cemetery connected therewith. It was a beautiful May-day afternoon and the attendance at the church included many of the friends of the deceased. Rev. Hendricks discoursed upon the theme: "Does Death end all?" He based his remarks upon an interrogatory uttered by Job (14:4): "If a man die shall he live again," in connection with verse 15, 1st chapter of 2d Timothy: "Who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." The speaker alluded to the probable doubts that exist in the minds of even professed Christians in relation to the question of future existence and proceeded to bring in line scriptural and other evidences in support of the affirmative position. The discourse was attentively listened to and caused no small amount of subsequent comment. The death of John Longstreth removes one who was a conspicuous character of this section, when actively identified with the affairs of life. A close friendly relation with the deceased enables us to estimate as well as appreciate his strong characteristics. His intellect was far above the average and his force of character was indomitable as well as unique. And whilst the whole of his life was in the main devoted to hard physical labor, yet his mind was ever active in gaining information in the various avenues of human thought. His interest in the public affairs of his community and country was always intense; he was an attentive reader and was ready to enter into a discussion upon subjects popular and unpopular. He was a man of honest convictions; he had the brain power to formulate strong opinions and the courage to advocate them. He detested moral cowardice and hypocrisy, and fulfilled an obligation because it was right and his duty to do so. His life was an open book to all who knew him; it was straightforward, manly, just. No wonder then that as the end was drawing near he remarked upon several occasions, "I am not afraid to die." He was not afraid to do his duty towards his fellow man, he was not afraid to disbelieve what he could not believe, he was not afraid to espouse a cause because it happened to be unpopular, and he was not afraid of the inevitable end of the last chapter of his life?

Will be sold at public sale, on MONDAY, MAY 14, 1888, at Perkiomen Bridge hotel, 30 head of fresh cows with calves direct from York county. Good judgment was exercised in the selection of this stock, and it will be to the interest of purchasers to attend sale. Sale at 2 o'clock, p. m., sharp. Conditions by

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### A Democratic Conference.

A conference of Democratic politicians and statesmen from Montgomery and Bucks counties was held Wednesday afternoon, last week, in room 42, Girard House, Philadelphia, to devise some plan by which Congressional nominations can be made to suit the changed conditions of the seventh district. The delegates from this county were: A. Willett, Henry Macy, S. P. Hanson, N. B. Keeley, E. L. Hallman and A. J. Redding. After a number of propositions had been offered and rejected the following, presented by H. S. Murfit, of Bucks county, was unanimously accepted:

Resolved, That at the county conventions held in the counties composing the Seventh Congressional district there be elected by the delegates convening said conventions by ballot eleven conferees from each county convention, who shall meet in joint convention and nominate a candidate for Congress in said district.

### Forty-Five Days of Fasting.

LANCASTER, May 6.—This is the forty-fifth day in which Mrs. Weidner, an inmate of the Lancaster County Hospital, has fasted and the correspondent found her sitting on the side of her bed and in good spirits this morning. She is rational on all other subjects, but insists on living on air and water. She is 32 years old and is the mother of a 6-year-old girl, whose birthday she names with accuracy, although she has not seen her child for months. Yesterday she refused strawberries that were offered her. She is under lock and key and the transom above her door has been removed and boards nailed in its place so that no food may be slipped to her, the object being to compel her to eat as others eat, at the table, and to disabuse her mind of the hallucination that she can not eat. She is terribly thin, but her face looks well and Dr. Sensenig, the resident physician, will not force food on her until he sees evidences of prostration, which are not apparent yet. He believes the unfortunate woman can abstain from food fully a week longer without serious detriment. Meanwhile she is cheerful and seemingly happy.

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ADVANTAGES POSSESSED BY FARMERS IN HORSE BREEDING.

Farmers hardly appreciate their advantages as horse breeders at their full value. The prevailing idea with most people, including farmers themselves, is that the man who is merely a farmer,—the term being used in contradistinction to that of breeder—is expected to rear horses that are merely farm horses and are nothing else. Now, for work that is exclusively of those kinds that belong to the farm—turning the sod, dragging the harrow, pulling the seeder, the reaper, or the mower, hauling the hay to the place of storing or stacking, hauling the grain off the field and to the shipping point, and divers other routine acts of mere drudgery—we admit that the farmer need not place his standard very high. The merest plug, provided, always, that he is tough and strong, a good keeper, and a long liver, will answer for all these merely farm duties. The mule has all the qualities named; yet his place in the whirl of business, travel, and mere pleasure, is a very restricted one indeed; yet it can not lower the scrub horse in the estimation of the public to say that the mule, adorned only by the despicable trappings of the street car horse—the homely collar, hames, and rope tugs—will outsell the plug horse in the market, though he be nearly covered with fine trappings.

In place of the farmer being tied up in his breeding operations, to any particular sort of farm horse, he can breed the better class, either for use on the road or for draft. The passenger locomotive may have a capacity of forty miles an hour, making this with ease, attached to its regular train, yet it can successfully haul a freight train, doing this work in very best manner at ordinary freight train speed, without damage to itself. It is like the well-bred horse, a machine capable of rapid going or moderate work, as wanted. The scrub horse, like a strictly freight locomotive, has a limited capacity for speed, and beyond this neither of them can go. A horse may be of fine quality and finely bred, and yet, with safety to life, limb and health do the ordinary work required of horse flesh upon the farm, and while doing this he may, incidentally, develop very valuable qualities, and be sought for at a high figure.

IMPROVE THE HOG.  
If the margin between the price of corn and pork remain as great during the winter as it is now and has been during the past year, the inference is that the demand for a better class of hogs will be greater than it has been for a number of years. There will be new herds built up, and arrangements made for breeding hogs on farms where they have been abandoned for years. Young farmers, casting about for the most profitable product of the farm, will not be long in deciding on this branch, as promising the greatest and quickest returns for the money and labor invested. Our observations force the belief upon us that farmers for a few years have not been as careful about adding new blood to their herds as they should have been, and the consequence is their hogs are not as good as they should be. With the combination of all breeds that is convenient to use, they find themselves possessed of a class of mongrel swine that are not profitable either for market or breeding.

Every step removed from some fountain head makes matters worse. But even with these things against the quality of hogs they may bring a good profit, and should make the farmers feel able to invest in better stock. And taking all these things into consideration, we can but think the demand for pure bred stock will be better in the near future than for a number of years past. The demand during the past year has started the current that way, making an ambition among farmers to excel once more in the quality of the porker, a laudable desire that benefits the farmer and improves the quality of pork given to the consumer. Years ago it was the opinion among farmers that all that was required to raise good hogs was a fine thrifty sire, no regard being taken as to the breed, for, as I heard a man once say, "A hog is a hog, and that is enough." But this is not enough. As much attention should be given to the breeding of swine as of horses or cattle, and in the end they will be just as profitable.—Western Plowman.

ONION CULTURE.  
Onions, like cabbages, will thrive on any soil, gravely, mucky or clayey, says J. J. H. Gregory in the *Albany Cultivator*, if such soils are properly prepared for the crop. Each of these soils will give its character to the crop; those raised on a gravelly soil will ripen down the earliest, be a bright straw color, which the eyes of

every market gardener delight to see grow harder when ripe, and, as a rule, keep best. Those raised on mucky soil not specially prepared for the crop, will make coarse, late bulbs, among which will be many scullions, the dread of the market gardener, and all will be soft and spongy in structure, of a dingy color and very poor keepers. Those raised on clayey soil, must be on land which has been well underdrained, that the soil may be of a friable character. Onions on such a soil usually grow extra large and are apt to be late in ripening down.

After an experience of a score of years, raising many acres annually, if it were a choice between upland and mucky soil, Mr. Gregory would certainly prefer having as much as half the crop on the latter, having experienced so often the disastrous effect of droughts on upland in making the crop more liable to be affected by smut and blight. Onions on muck do better on mineral manure, such as wood ashes and bone that has been made soluble. These supply the potash and phosphoric acid, and a portion of the nitrogen needed by the crop, and the draining of the soil will set free, through chemical action, sufficient nitrogen additional, which in a latent state, in greater or less per cent., always exists in such vegetable matter. As muck itself is humus, we do not need barn manure to supply this, which is one argument for its use on upland. Again, mucky soil is rather too light of itself, and barn manure makes it more so.

The onion grower knows that half his success depends upon the quality of the seed sown.

CUTTING SEED POTATOES.  
Much has been said and written about cutting potatoes for planting, and many experiments have been tried in various parts of the country. It must be evident to all that soil and cultivation have much to do with the results. On rich soil, where thorough cultivation is given, good crops can be secured, no matter what the size of the cutting, but on poor soil small cuttings largely fail, because there is not sufficient substance in them to sustain growth for any length of time. Whole tubers and large cuttings induce early and strong growth. The crop is also earlier and larger than when small cuttings are planted, but the per cent. of small potatoes is greater. Taking this into account it will readily be seen that the increase in crop secured by using whole potatoes is not all profit, besides the cost of the seed is greater. On the other hand, the yield where one-eye cuttings are planted is generally light even though the potatoes are nearly all large. Below are given results obtained at the Ohio Experiment Station. Large potatoes were used in all cases:  
One-eye cuttings, average for 4 years, 98 bushels per acre; Two-eye cuttings, average for 2 years, 180 bushels per acre; Cut in two lengthwise, average for 2 years, 226 bushels per acre; Whole potatoes, average for 4 years, 236 bushels per acre.  
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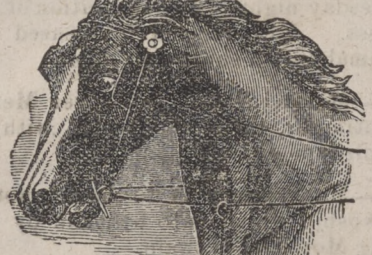
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